

Master of Ceremony's Introduction Biography for Lt. Governor Kinder

Peter D. Kinder was elected Missouri's 46th Lieutenant Governor on November 2, 2004, carrying 91 of Missouri's 114 counties. He is the second Republican elected to this office since 1928.

A Cape Girardeau native, he attended Cape Girardeau public schools and achieved the rank of Eagle Scout.

Lt. Governor Kinder attended Southeast Missouri State University and the University of Missouri-Columbia. He graduated from St. Mary's University School of Law in San Antonio, Texas, in 1979, and was admitted to the Missouri Bar in 1980.

From 1981 to 1983, he served as a member of U.S. Representative Bill Emerson's Washington staff. In 1987, he became associate publisher of the *Southeast Missourian* newspaper, writing columns and weekly editorials through 2002.

In 1992, Peter Kinder won election in his first campaign for the 27th district in the Missouri Senate. In 2001, the Republicans gained a majority in the Missouri Senate for the first time in 53 years. Peter Kinder was elected President Pro Tem, the top elected official in the Missouri Senate. When he successfully ran for Lt. Governor in 2004, he became the second sitting President Pro Tem to be elected Lieutenant Governor.

As Lieutenant Governor, Peter Kinder serves as the official Senior Advocate for Missouri.